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Serial No.: 10/619,166 ) Group Art Unit No.: 3725  
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For: APPARATUS FOR REDUCING  
TENSION VARIATIONS IN A  
METAL STRIP

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Before action, please amend the above-referenced application.

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